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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 0790

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PEPR, ES, NU
SUBJECT: ELSALVADOR CONSULTATION REGARDING NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 037140

1. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, IN FEBRUARY 14 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO I DREW ON MATERIAL PROVIDED IN STATE, HAVANA AND MANAGUA TELEGRAMS TO RESPOND TT HIS REQUEST FOR USG VIEWS AND POLICY RE NICARAGUA SITUATION AND QUESTION OF ANY RELATED CUBAN ROLE.

2. PRESIDENT ROMERO HEARD ME OUT, NODDED IN SEEMING AGREE-
MENT, AND EMPHASIZED AGAIN SMALLNESS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ARENA AS INSURING THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN ONE COUNTRY INTER-
ESTS AND/OR AFFECTS ALL ITS NEIGHBORS.

3. AS EVIDENCE OF LOCAL REPERCUSSION OF MANAGUA DEVELOPMENTS,
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PRESIDENT CITED MACHINE GUN ATTACK AND BOMBING OF NICRAGUAN EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR WHICH HAD OCCURRED EARLIER THAT SAME MORNING.

4. IN CLOSING THIS PART OF OUR DISCUSSION PRESIDENT EXPRESS-
ED PUZZLEMENT OVER RECENT PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTING TO FSLN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT IT HAD NOW PURCHASED 5,000 RIFLES IN US.

PROFESSING TO SEE THIS AS "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE," HE
NEVERTHELESS ASKED ME TO ASCERTAIN FACTUAL BASIS, IF ANY,
FOR SUCH STATEMENTS. (PRESS REPORTS REFERRED TO BY PRESIDENT
WERE REPRINTS OF AP REPORT FROM MEXICO CITY QUOTING FSLN MEMBER
IN MEXICO AS STATING THAT FSLN HAD INFILTRATED NICARAGUAN
NATIONAL GUARD AND HAD PURCHASED 5,000 RIFLES AND FIVE MILLION
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FROM THE U.S. UNDER THIS COVER.)
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